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solutions to the short-fall, but this is just one piece of the puzzle and it's the beginning of what we have to do to shore up the losses for the NRD because I don't think the mission of the NRDs has changed. And I think when it comes to water quality and to what they are doing, they need to have replacement funds. This is just the beginning. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Coordsen, members of the body. Just a comment and a question, if I could, from Senator Beutler. A question of Senator Beutler, if I could, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Beutler, would you respond, please?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Beutler, I was just curious, I support this bill, obviously. I think what you've outlined is proper and correct. They have been...a lot...there's a great loss of funds to the NRDs and the service that they provide certainly needs to be kept out there, but I just had a cur...just out of curiosity, what's...what's the difference between, I mean, the dollars, the difference between the use and the sales tax? Do you have any idea?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The dollar distribution in terms of the total amount of revenue repre...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, the loss...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the total amount of revenue? I have no idea. I am sorry.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I guess it really doesn't make any difference. It's all...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I mean it's, as you know, it's almost all sales tax.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yeah, I assumed it was mostly sales tax.